# Indiana Occupational Therapy News

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# **Member Profile:**

In this section of the newsletter we will introduce you to your board one by one.

ANGIE KIDD, COTA, CAPS, Accessibility Consultant, Certified in Spiritual Formation

Angie lives in rural North East Indiana with her husband, Chris. They have a son, a daughter and a son-in-law. Angie studied accounting at International Business College and worked in the banking industry prior to pursuing a career in occupational therapy. She graduated from the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, IN with an A.S. Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistance in 2000. She achieved Certification in Spiritual Formation through Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and the United Methodist Church in 2006. Angie became a Certified Aging in Place Specialist in 2007 and completed her study to become an Accessibility Consultant that same year. She and her husband will complete their B.S. degrees in Organizational Leadership from Goshen College in August 2011. Angie enjoys bringing all of these areas together in international medical mission where she serves in Peru, South America with Wheels for the World and as an Advisory Board Member and Area Representative for Quechua Benefit. She spends time with her family and raises alpacas with her brother in her leisure time. She was appointed to the OT Committee in June 2009.

# What's Happening in your Profession?

- Effective July 1, 2011 OTA's are now licensed. IPLA has automatically updated our system. Should you need a new license card or wall license please visit our webpage at <a href="https://www.pla.in.gov">www.pla.in.gov</a> to purchase one for \$10.00 (plus applicable fees)
- ➤ Next renewal date for all licensed OT's and OTA's will be November 2010 thru December 31, 2012
- ➤ The Committee will begin their first CE audit in October 2011. The audit will be over CE obtained in license period November 2008 thru December 2010. Approximately 2% of all licensees will receive an email asking for copies of CE certificates. Please ensure that we have your current contact information.

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## 2011 Meeting Dates/locations:

- ➤ February 15<sup>th</sup>
- ➤ June 14<sup>th</sup>
- October 11<sup>th</sup>

Please note that meeting dates and locations are subject to change or may be cancelled due to lack of business.
All meetings are held in:
Indiana Government Center South, 402
W. Washington Street, Conference
Room Wo64 of the Indiana
Professional Licensing Agency,
Indianapolis, IN 46204.

#### **Newsletter Schedule:**

- > February
- > May
- > August
- November

## **Disciplinary Action:**

A list of board disciplinary actions may be found on our license litigation system at <a href="http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/pla-litigation/">http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/pla-litigation/</a>

Free online licensure look-ups may be obtained at <a href="https://extranet.in.gov/WebLooku">https://extranet.in.gov/WebLooku</a> <a href="py/Search.aspx">p/Search.aspx</a>. This is a real time database and is the best resource for accurate data.

## **Helpful Links:**

NBCOT: <a href="www.nbcot.org">www.nbcot.org</a>
INOTA: <a href="www.inota.com">www.inota.com</a>
AOTA: <a href="www.aota.org">www.aota.org</a>

# **Did you know?**

- ➤ IOTA is holding their Fall Conference on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the new IUPUI Conference Center. For more information contact the IOTA at 866-653-7429.
- ➤ The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual NBCOT National Conference on Occupational Therapy State Regulation will be held on October 21-22, 2011 in Alexandria, VA. For more information contact NBCOT at 301-990-7979.
- Indiana University is ranked #39, University of Indianapolis is ranked #43, and University of Southern Indiana is ranked #78 out of 149 schools for outstanding OT education in the United States. (http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-health-schools/occupational-therapyrankings Retrieved July 13, 2011.
- Occupational therapy was picked as one of the 50 Best Careers of 2011. Employment of occupational therapists is predicted to increase 26% between 2008 and 2018.

(http://money.usnews.com/money/careers/articles/2010/12/06/best -careers-2011-occupational-therapist. Retrieved July 13, 2011)

# Notes from the Director,

The first edition of the OT Newsletter was well received and I thank you for your feedback. As we move forward I will bring you important information from other jurisdictions. Your input is valuable to the staff, so we encourage you to submit questions, comments and concerns and we will address them in future editions.

Tasha Coleman

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